ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: There is an application made by Mr. T. C. Kesava Pillai for permission to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a matter of public importance regarding the recent measure adopted by Government in the matter of the collection of revenue by the sale of immovable property and the grievances caused thereby to the public.

I consider it to be in order and desire to ascertain the wishes of the House.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) It has not been opposed.

PRESIDENT: Does anybody oppose it?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I oppose it.

The motion was then put to vote and as more than 20 members were in favour of the motion being discussed, the President announced that the motion would be taken up and discussed the next day after lunch at 3-30 P. M.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Krishna Pillai, your motion also relates to the same subject and so I suppose you do not press it.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): No, Sir.

LEGISLATION.

THE TRAVANCORE NAMPUTIRI BILL.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): Sir, before the Travancore Namputiri Bill is finally passed I beg to move the following verbal amendments:—

In sub-clause (1) of Clause 1 substitute '1106' for '110'

The motion was seconded by Mr. C. N. Tuppan Namputiripad.

PRESIDENT: Anybody opposing the amendment? It is only a verbal amendment because the year has to be inserted even otherwise.

The motion was carried.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): In sub-clause (3) of Clause 1 add the words 'the 1st of Medam' after the word 'on' and substitute '1106' for 110'

The motion was seconded by Mr. C. N. Tuppan Namputiripad.

PRESIDENT: Anybody against the Amendment? This too seems to be a necessary provision as it relates to the date from which it should come into force.

The motion was carried.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): I move that the Travancore Namputiri Bill as amended by the Council may be finally passed.

The motion was seconded by Mr. C. N. Tuppan Namputiripad.

PRESIDENT: I take it that that House allows the motion.

The motion was carried.

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MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*) : Sir, I request your permission to speak a few words.

Mr. President and members, on behalf of the Namputiri community, I take this opportunity to thank you all—the President, the Deputy President and members both official and non-official for the great interest and sympathy you have shown during the course of the discussions of the Namputiri Bill. This Namputiri Bill is the only piece of social Legislation that has been licked into shape during the life-time of this Council and I am sure that we have every right to feel gratified over the result of our labours. Six years have passed since this Bill was first introduced in the Travancore Legislative Council. This Bill, you will know, had not a smooth sailing in Council. Fortunately the difficulties have been overcome and we have been able to give the finishing touch to the Bill.

The discussions and deliberations of the Bill had swallowed up a good deal of the precious time of this Council, and consequently the Council had to postpone many an item of business affecting the wider interest of the country. But when it is viewed in the light that we have been able to give a Legislation to a community, the future prosperity and progress of which entirely depend on such an enactment, I am sure that it will not be considered as a wastage of time and energy. It is not my opinion that this Bill is free from all shortcomings, and is entirely satisfactory. Time may necessitate amendments and alterations to suit the progressive ideas of the Namputiri community and when such necessity arises I hope that the same good will and sympathy of the House would be extended then also.

It is my pleasant duty on this occasion to give expression to my indebtedness to Messrs. Tuppan Namputiripad and Jathavedan Namputiripad, the members co-opted for the considerations of the Bill. The former, as the House may remember, was the first mover of the Bill in the last Council and is an earnest worker for the welfare of the community. Mr. Jathavedan Namputhiripad who represents the more orthodox section of the community has contributed not a little to shape the Bill in such a manner as acceptable to the entire community. Their solicitude and labours for the progress of the community would be gratefully remembered.

I once again, before resuming my seat, thank you all for the kind support you have given me in finally passing this Travancore Malayala Brahmin Bill in this Council.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDER NO. 56.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the amendment of the Standing Order No. 56 of the Legislative Council Standing Orders. My amendment was to substitute '2' for '5'. But the majority of the Select Committee considered that '3' would be the proper change. With that alteration the Select Committee has submitted its Report before this House.

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